

A petition from Solomon Holland, of Montgomery county, praying that a law may pass authorising him to collect the balances due him as collector of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Swearingen, Mr. Linthicum and Mr. Selby, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Lemmon, of Somerset county, stating, that the mode of collecting officers fees is oppressive, and praying the legislature to take the subject into consideration, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees.

A petition from Samuel Briscoe, administrator de bonis non of Basil Williams, late of Cæcil county, deceased, stating, that his intestate and a certain John Crookshanks became security for a certain Patrick Hamilton, collector of said county, that a bond for the payment of three thousand pounds belonging to said Hamilton, who is dead, was since his death assigned to the state, and that a sale of all the property of said securities took place previous to said assignment, and praying that the property of said intestate, acquired since the sale aforesaid, may be exonerated from all claim of the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Alexander, Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public several roads in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cottman, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising the selling and disposing of a small parcel of land belonging to Stepney parish, in Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Alexander, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire-engine for the town of Elkton, in Cæcil county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hyland, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Potter, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. R. Neale, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Booth, of Saint-Mary's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Morgan, of Harford county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, and on further progression in reading said bill, the question was put, That the first blank in the following clause be filled up with the word "ten?" "And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby constituted a court of inspection, and it shall and may be the duty of the respective companies, once every year, and oftener if required by the court, to lay before the same a correct and methodical account of their disbursements and expenditures, and of the amount of the tolls collected and received on their respective roads for and during the twelve months preceding; and whenever the tolls shall, during the two following years, exceed — per centum free of all charges on the institution, the said court shall, at their discretion, hold the excess thus arising above the said — per centum in reserve to meet any future deficiency, or if in their judgment a continuance of the then tolls would produce a like annual excess, to lower the tolls, or any of them, so as to bring the aggregate on the roads respectively to — per centum per annum; and the said court may, in their discretion, on the representation of the aforesaid companies, revise the tolls herein established, so as to render them in their operation more favourable to commerce and the industry of the citizen." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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| | W. Neale, | Harwood, | T. Bayly, | J. Bayly, | Shaaff, | Handy, | Stephen, | Bruce, |
| | Hebb, | Parnham, | Jackson, | Veazey, | Blake, | Waters, | Ellicott, | Bayard, |
| | Mercer, | Stuart, | Hyland, | Lyles, | Thompson, | Hawkins, | Bowles, | J. Tomlinson. 33. |
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| Messrs | Moore, | Stansbury, | Harryman, | Alexander, | Bond, | Montgomery, | Swearingen, | Selby, |
| | Harcheson, | Lemmon, | Lloyd, | Miller, | Ayres, | Forwood, | Linthicum, | B. Tomlinson. 20. |
| | B. Mackall, | Brown, | Sheredine, | Cockey, | | | | |
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading said bill, the question was put, That the word "three" be struck out the following clause? to wit: "And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any of the said companies to ask, demand or receive, of or from any person or persons living on or adjacent to the said road, within three miles